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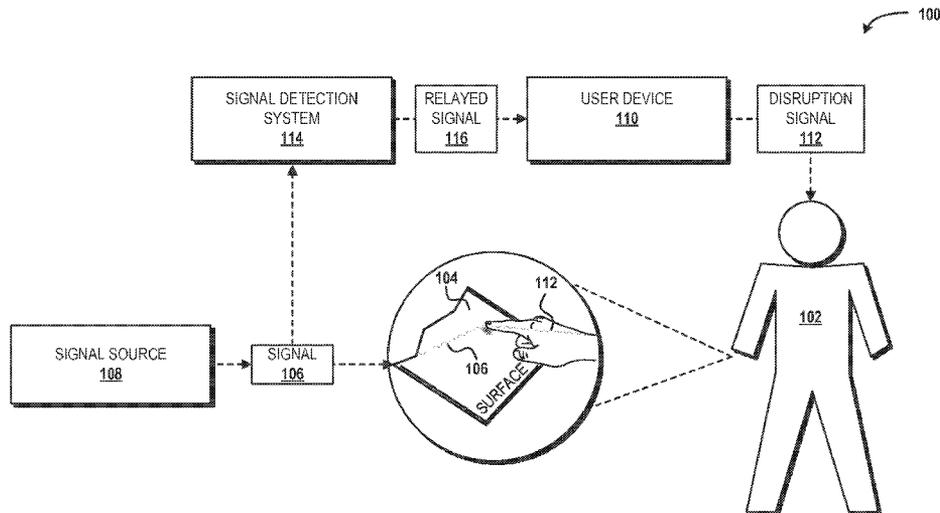
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

Concepts and technologies are disclosed herein for disrupting bone conduction signals. According to one aspect, a device can receive a signal via a communication path that is external to a body of a user associated with the device. The device can generate a disruption signal to disrupt the signal. The device can send the disruption signal through the body of the user to disrupt the signal.

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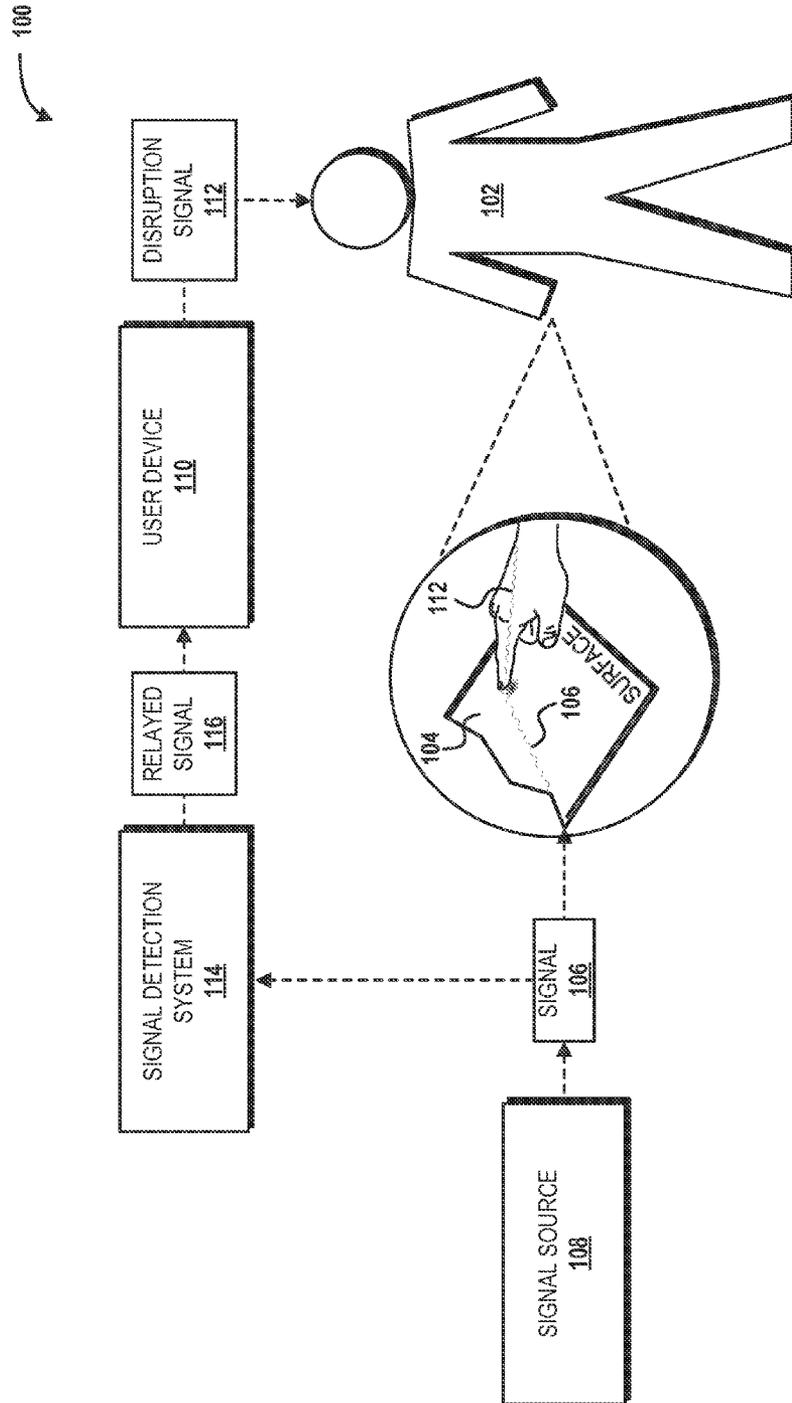


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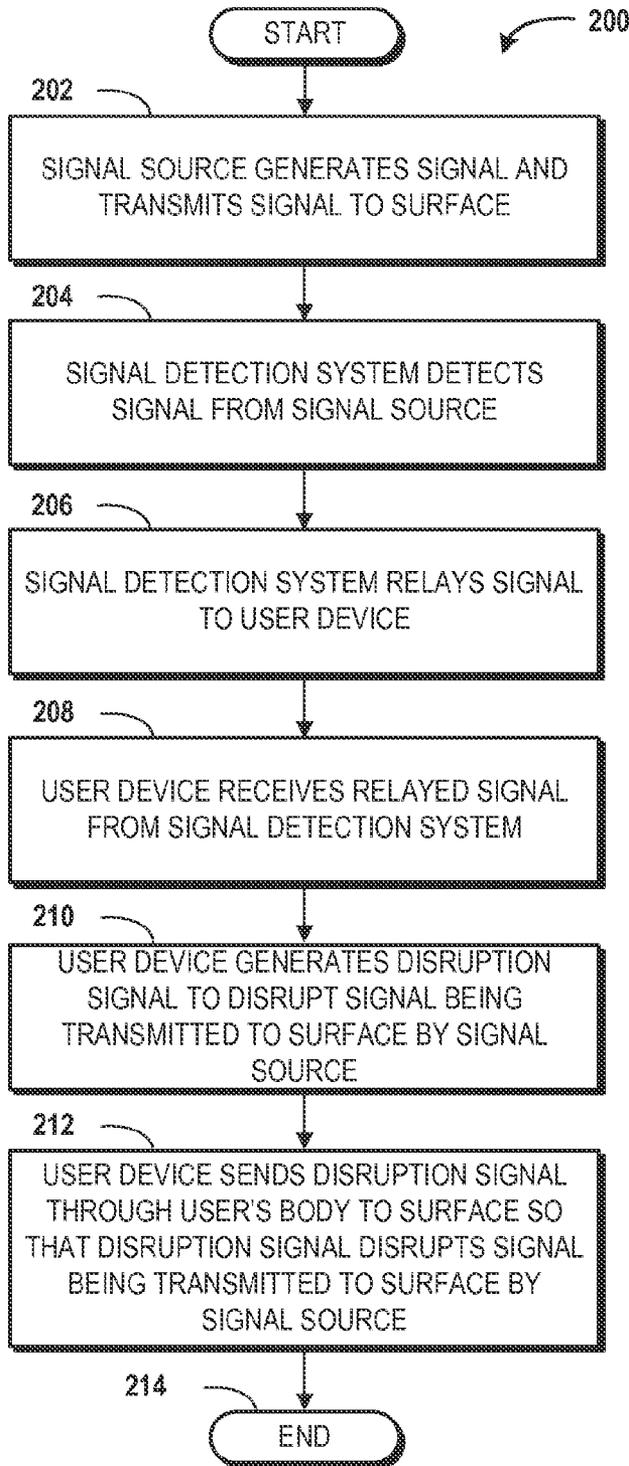


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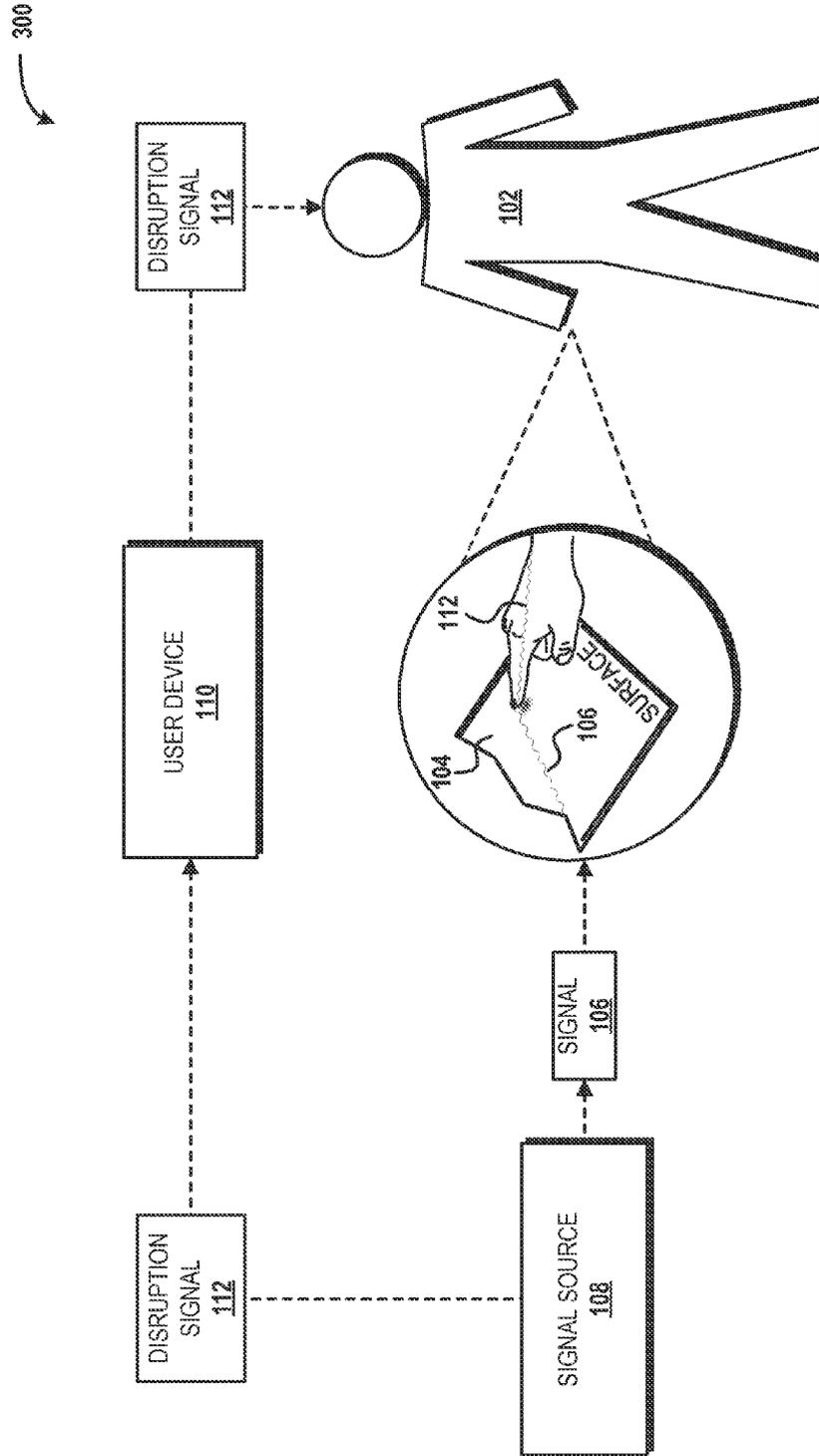


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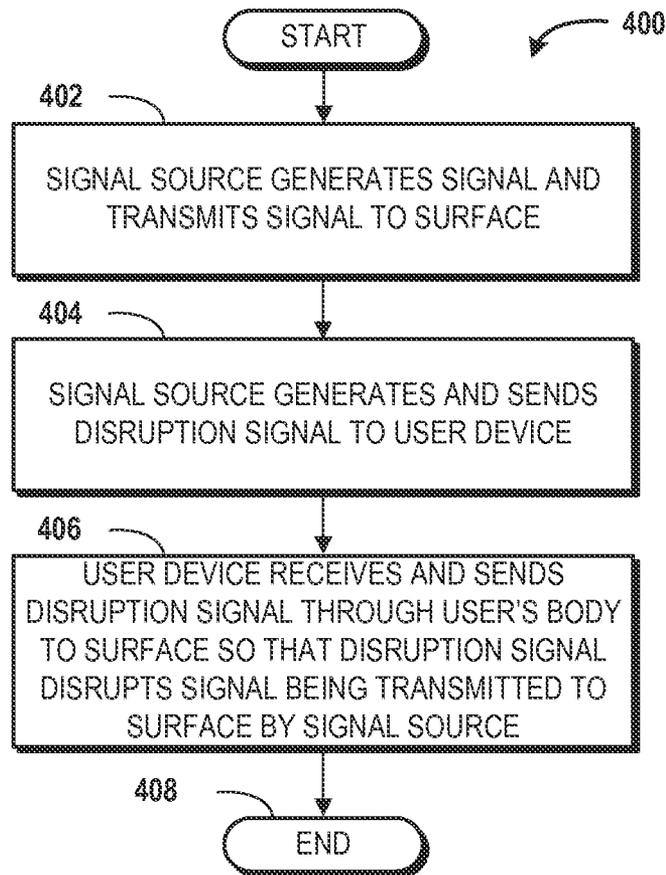


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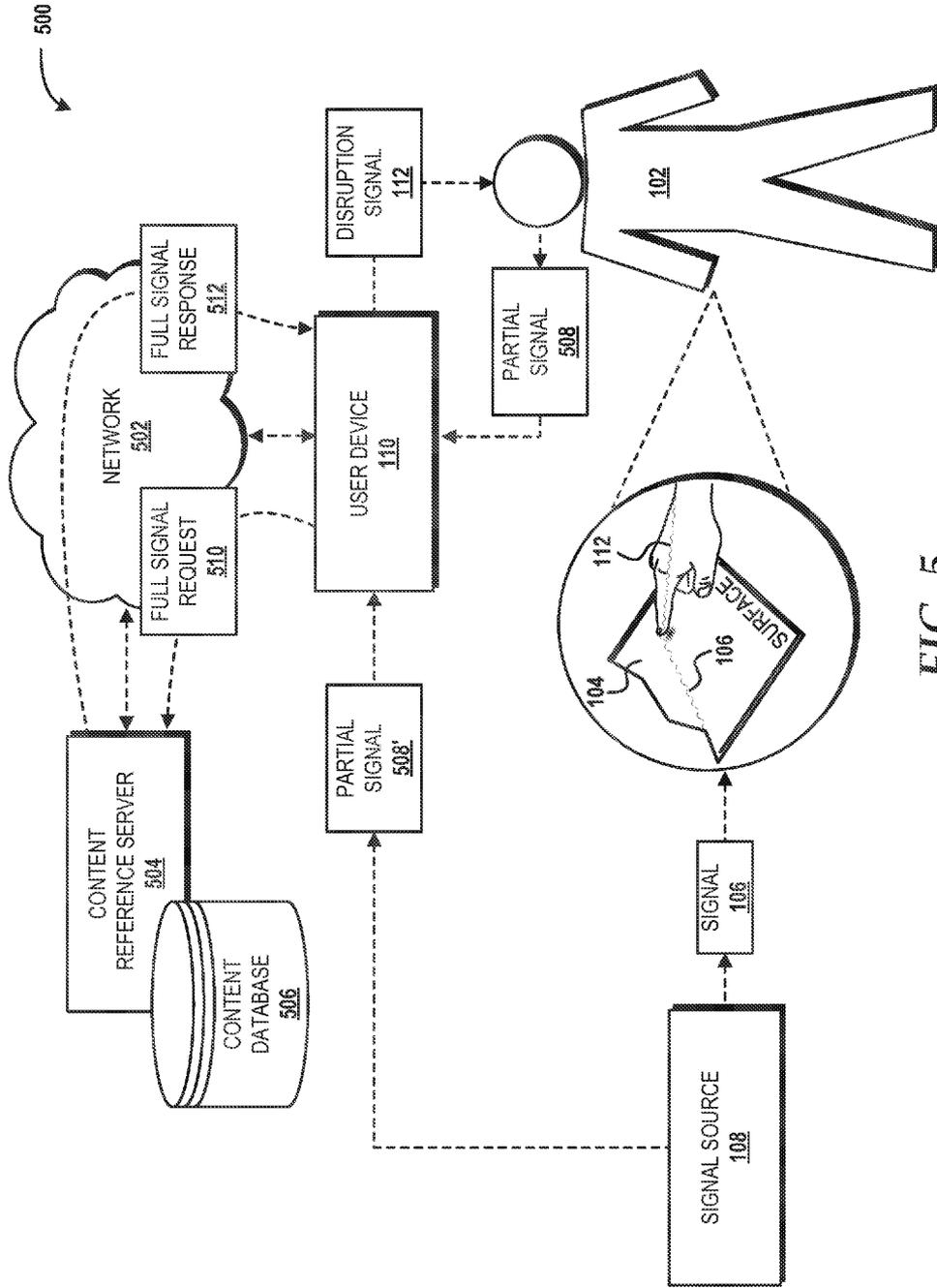


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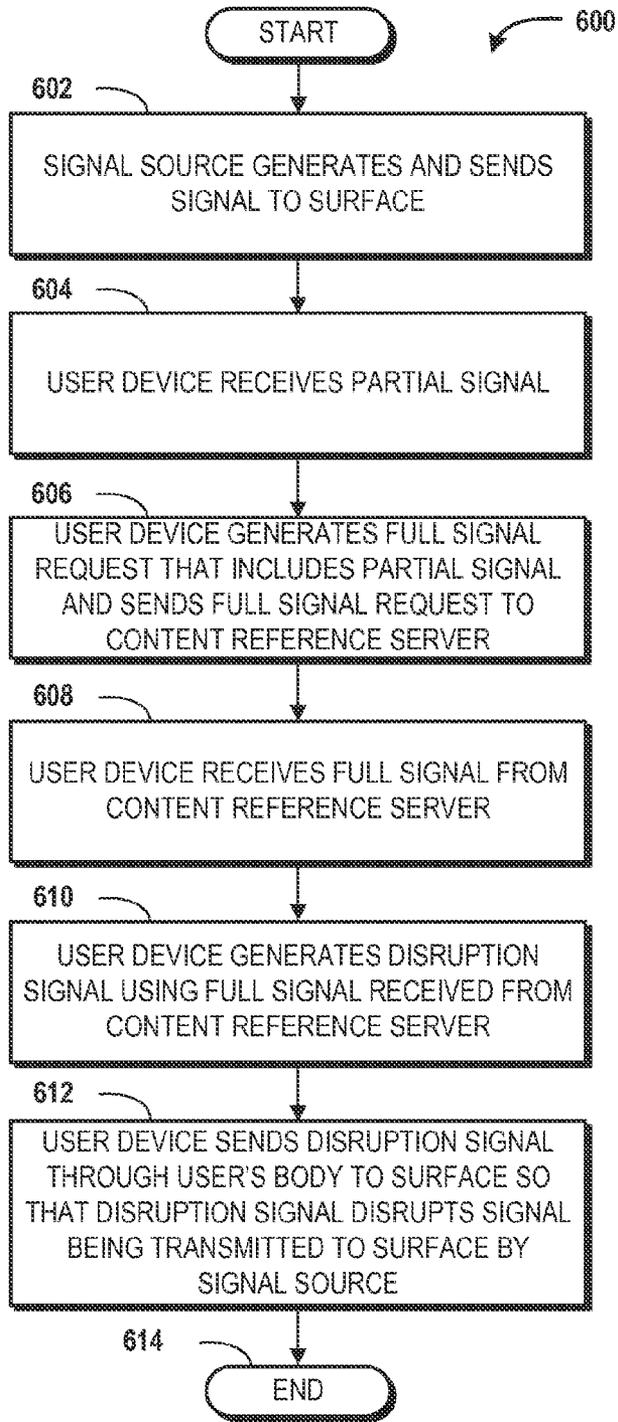


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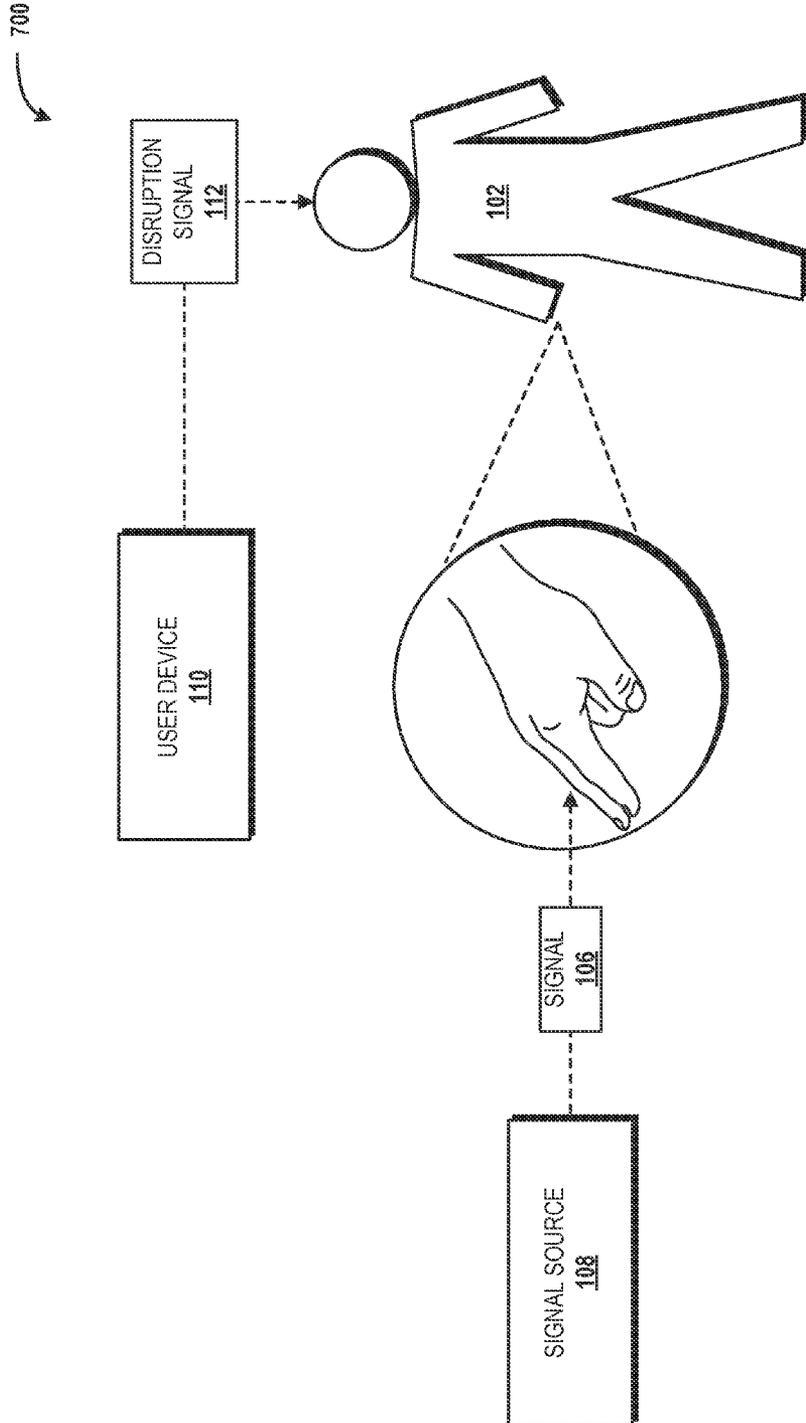


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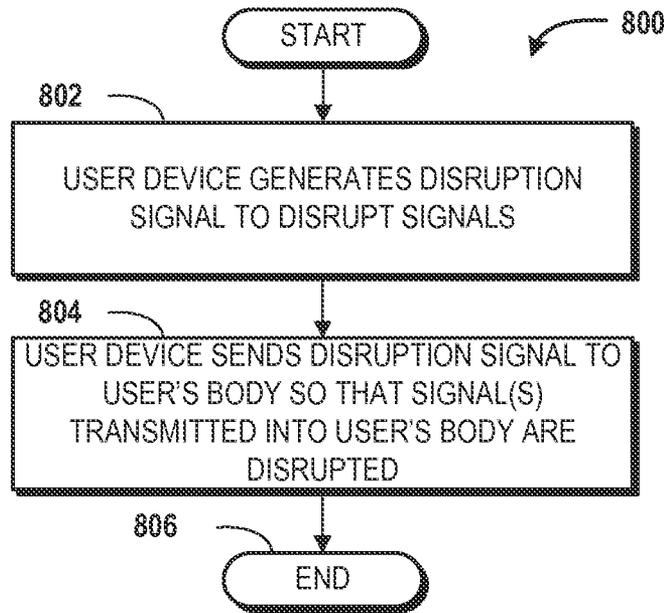


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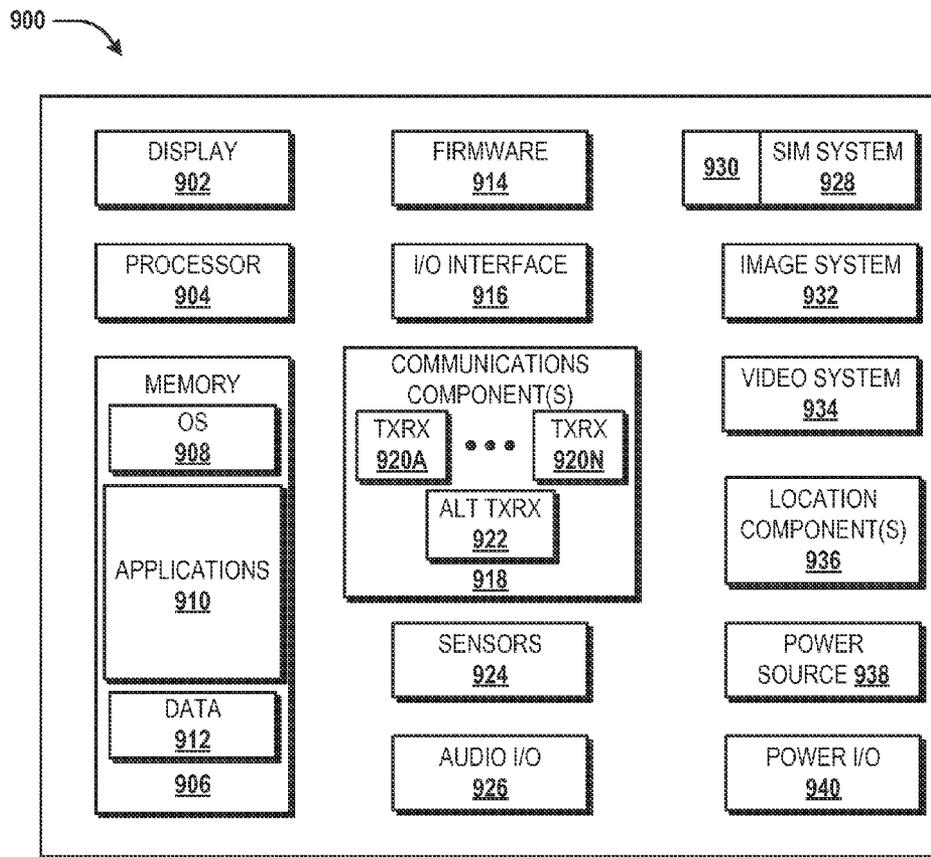


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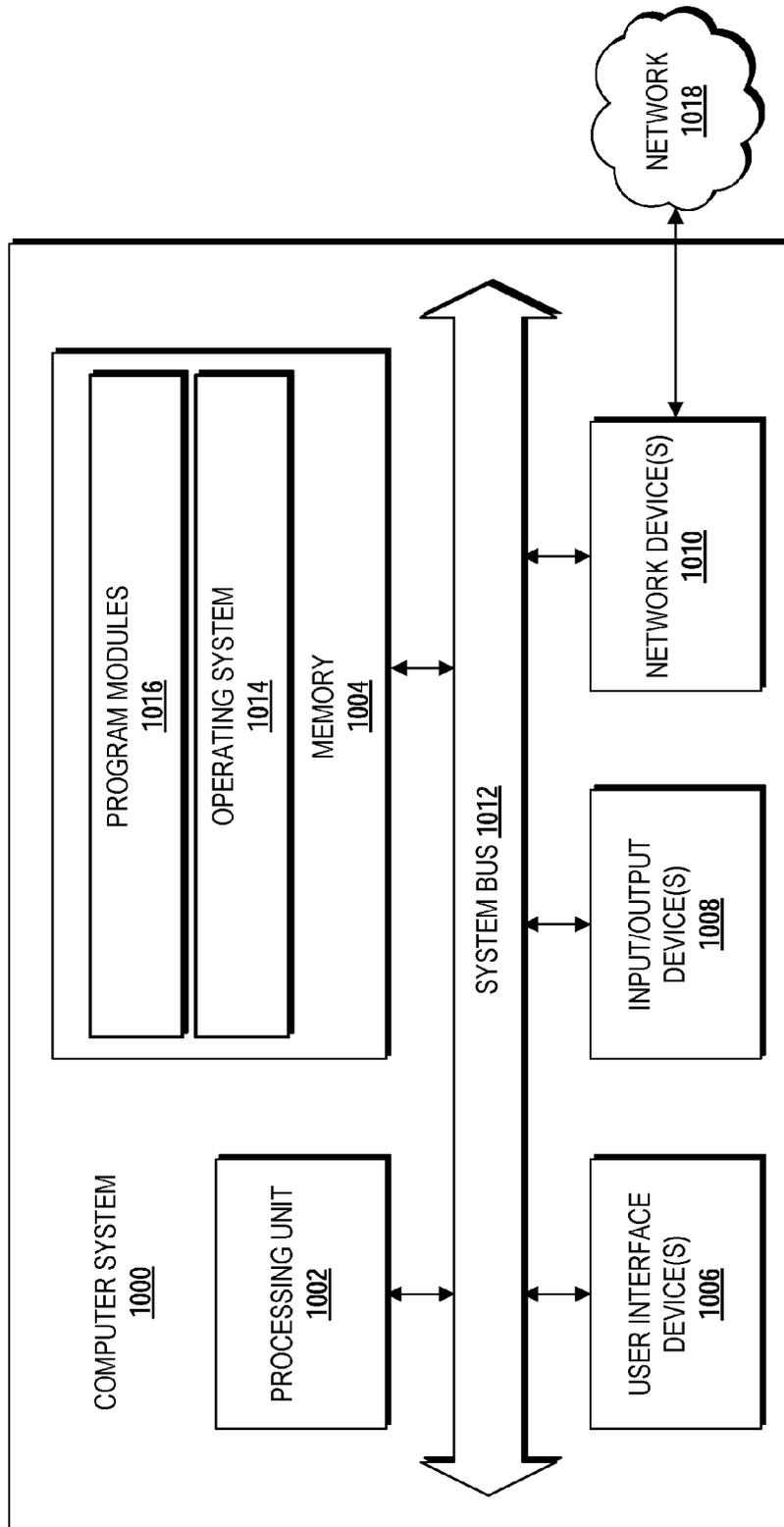


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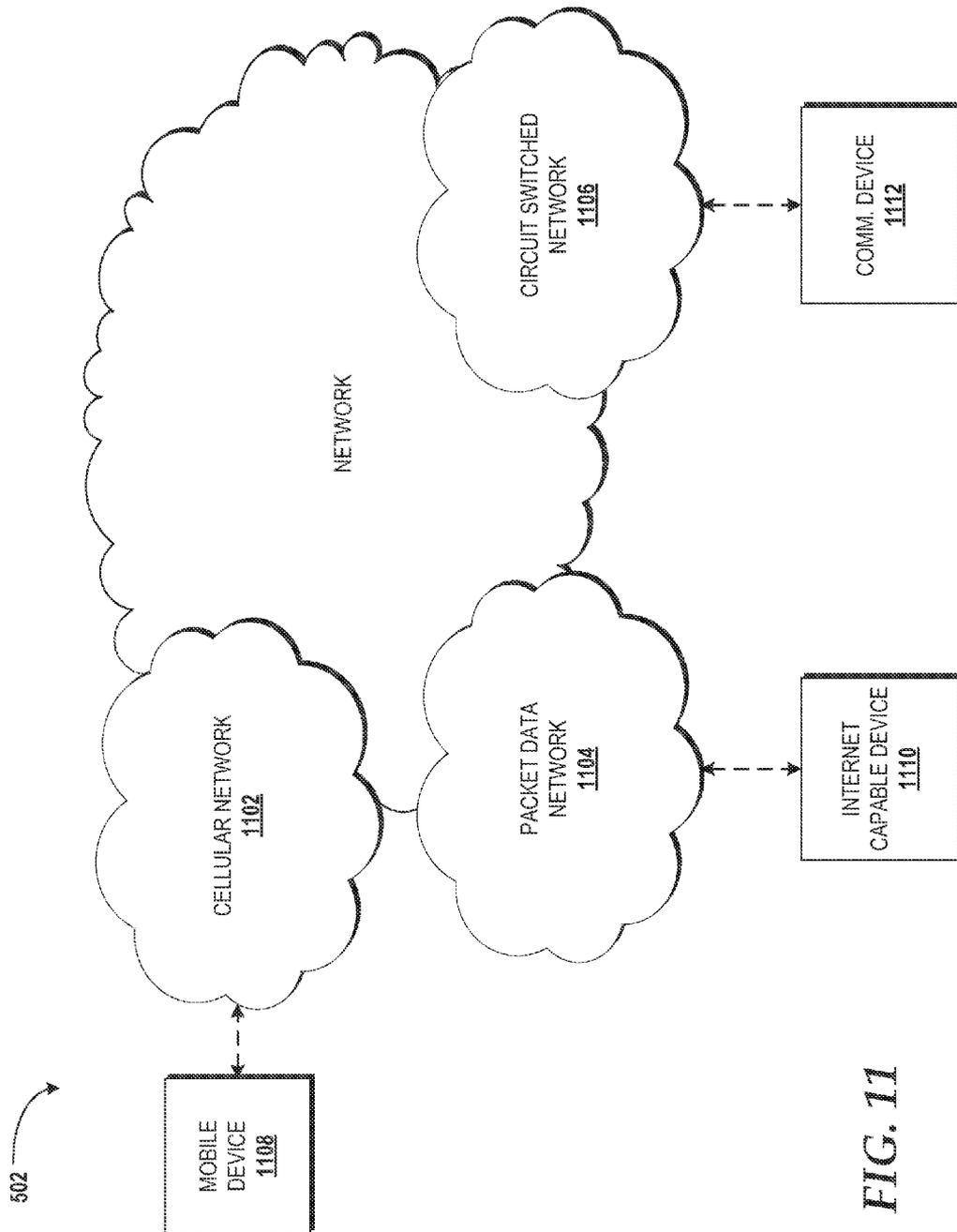


FIG. 11

DISRUPTING BONE CONDUCTION SIGNALS

BACKGROUND

Bone conduction is a developing communication technology with numerous potential applications. One such application is the ability to send signals carrying advertisements into the bodies of individuals when they come into contact with a surface. This method of advertising may be beneficial because advertisements can be targeted only to individuals that are in contact with the surface, but there are instances in which an individual might not want to receive advertisements. For example, an individual that is trying to sleep with his or her head propped against the window of a passenger train may not want to be bombarded with advertisements.

SUMMARY

Concepts and technologies are disclosed herein for disrupting bone conduction signals. According to one aspect, a device can receive a signal via a communication path that is external to a body of a user associated with the device. The device can generate a disruption signal to disrupt the signal. The device can send the disruption signal through the body of the user to disrupt the signal.

In some embodiments, the device can receive the signal from a signal detection system. In some other embodiments, the device can receive the signal directly from a signal source.

In some embodiments, the device receives the signal from a database. In these embodiments, the device may receive a portion of the signal, and in response, generate a request directed to a database. The request can include the portion of the signal and instructions for the database to return the entirety of the signal. The device can receive the signal from the database and utilize this signal to generate the disruption signal.

In some embodiments, the signal includes or is otherwise associated with an advertisement. The advertisement may be an audible advertisement that is intended to be heard by the user.

In some embodiments, the disruption signal includes the signal after a frequency shift. The frequency shift may render the signal inaudible to the user. In some other embodiments, the disruption signal includes signal characteristics that are used to cancel at least a portion of the signal.

It should be appreciated that the above-described subject matter may be implemented as a computer-controlled apparatus, a computer process, a computing system, or as an article of manufacture such as a computer-readable storage medium. These and various other features will be apparent from a reading of the following Detailed Description and a review of the associated drawings.

This Summary is provided to introduce a selection of concepts in a simplified form that are further described below in the Detailed Description. This Summary is not intended to identify key features or essential features of the claimed subject matter, nor is it intended that this Summary be used to limit the scope of the claimed subject matter. Furthermore, the claimed subject matter is not limited to implementations that solve any or all disadvantages noted in any part of this disclosure.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

FIG. 1 is a block diagram illustrating aspects of an illustrative operating environment for various concepts disclosed herein, according to an illustrative embodiment.

FIG. 2 is a flow diagram illustrating aspects of a method for disrupting a bone conduction signal, according to an illustrative embodiment.

FIG. 3 is a block diagram illustrating aspects of an illustrative operating environment for various concepts disclosed herein, according to another illustrative embodiment.

FIG. 4 is a flow diagram illustrating aspects of a method for disrupting a bone condition signal, according to another illustrative embodiment.

FIG. 5 is a block diagram illustrating aspects of an illustrative operating environment for various concepts disclosed herein, according to another illustrative embodiment.

FIG. 6 is a flow diagram illustrating aspects of a method for disrupting a bone conduction signal, according to another illustrative embodiment.

FIG. 7 is a block diagram illustrating aspects of an illustrative operating environment for various concepts disclosed herein, according to another illustrative embodiment.

FIG. 8 is a flow diagram illustrating aspects of a method for disrupting a bone conduction signal, according to another illustrative embodiment.

FIG. 9 is a block diagram illustrating an example mobile device capable of implementing aspects of the embodiments disclosed herein.

FIG. 10 is a block diagram illustrating an example computer system capable of implementing aspects of the embodiments presented herein.

FIG. 11 schematically illustrates a network, according to an illustrative embodiment.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

The following detailed description is directed to disrupting bone conduction signals. According to one aspect, a device can receive a signal via a communication path that is external to a body of a user associated with the device. The device can generate a disruption signal to disrupt the signal. The device can send the disruption signal through the body of the user to disrupt the signal.

While the subject matter described herein may be presented, at times, in the general context of program modules that execute in conjunction with the execution of an operating system and application programs on a computer system, those skilled in the art will recognize that other implementations may be performed in combination with other types of program modules. Generally, program modules include routines, programs, components, data structures, computer-executable instructions, and/or other types of structures that perform particular tasks or implement particular abstract data types. Moreover, those skilled in the art will appreciate that the subject matter described herein may be practiced with other computer systems, including hand-held devices, mobile devices, wireless devices, multiprocessor systems, distributed computing systems, microprocessor-based or programmable consumer electronics, minicomputers, mainframe computers, routers, switches, other computing devices described herein, and the like.

In the following detailed description, references are made to the accompanying drawings that form a part hereof, and in which are shown by way of illustration specific embodiments or examples. Referring now to the drawings, in which like numerals represent like elements throughout the several figures, example aspects of disrupting bone conduction signals will be presented.

Referring now to FIG. 1, aspects of an operating environment **100** in which various embodiments presented herein may be implemented will be described, according to an illus-

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trative embodiment. The operating environment 100 shown in FIG. 1 includes a user 102 in contact with a surface 104 that receives a signal 106 from a signal source 108. When the user 102 is in contact with the surface 104, the signal 106 propagates through the surface 104 into the user's 102 body. The signal 106 may be any signal that is capable of propagating through the user 102 via one or more of the user's 102 bones. The propagation of one or more signals through one or more bones of an individual, such as the user 102, is referred to herein as bone conduction. It should be understood that a portion of a given signal may propagate through other parts of the user's 102 body, such as soft tissue and/or skin, in addition to the user's 102 bones.

The signal 106 can carry any information that the signal source 108 is attempting to provide to the user 102. The signal 106 may be within a frequency range that is audible to the user 102 when the user comes into contact with the surface 104. The signal 106 additionally or alternatively can carry any information that the signal source 108 is attempting to provide to a user device 110 that is associated with the user 102. Information that the signal source 108 is attempting to provide to the user device 110 may include content for presentation via the user device 110 in audible and/or visual form. Information that the signal source 108 is attempting to provide to the user device 110 may include content for use by one or more applications executing on the user device 110. Information that the signal source 108 is attempting to provide to the user device 110 may include information that is to be stored on the user device 110 whether or not the user device 110 is capable of performing a function using the information. Other types of information can be sent to the user device 110 by the signal source 108 via the signal 106, and as such, the aforementioned example should not be construed as being limiting in any way.

The signal source 108 can include any computing system or device that is capable of generating the signal 106. The signal source 108 may be a smartphone, feature phone, personal digital assistant ("PDA"), tablet device, laptop computer, desktop computer, server computer, video game system, handheld video game system, media player, set-top box, vehicle computing system, smart watch, personal tracker or safety device, other computing system, other computing device, a combination thereof, or the like. It should be understood that the functionality of the signal source 108 can be provided by a single device, by two or more similar devices, and/or by two or more dissimilar devices.

The signal source 108 may be owned and/or operated by an advertiser, an advertising agency, a service provider such as a wireless carrier or television provider, an airline, a railway company, a subway operator, a taxi company, a manufacturer, a retailer, an e-tailer, an individual, a company, or any other entity that desires to provide information to the user 102 and/or the user device 110. If the signal source 108 is owned and/or operated by an advertiser, for example, the signal source 108 may target audible information to the user 102 via the surface 104 so that other individuals (not shown) are not disturbed by the signal 106. In some instances, however, the user 102 may not want to be disturbed by the signal 106 and so can utilize the user device 110 to generate a disruption signal 112 to disrupt the signal 106, as will be described in greater detail below.

In the illustrated operating environment 100, the signal 106 is detected by a signal detection system 114 that relays the signal 106 (shown as "relayed signal 116") to the user device

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110. In some embodiments, the signal detection system 114 wirelessly transmits the relayed signal 116 to the user device 110 via BLUETOOTH, ZIGBEE, WI-FI, or other wireless technology. The signal detection system 114, in other embodiments, transmits the relayed signal 116 to the user device 110 via a wired connection provided by Universal Serial Bus ("USB"), Ethernet, or other wired technology.

The signal detection system 114 can include any computing system or device that is capable of detecting the signal 106 and transmitting the relayed signal 116 to the user device 110. The signal detection system 114 may be a smartphone, feature phone, PDA, tablet device, laptop computer, desktop computer, server computer, video game system, handheld video game system, media player, set-top box, vehicle computing system, smart watch, personal tracker or safety device, other computing system, other computing device, a combination thereof, or the like. It should be understood that the functionality of the signal detection system 114 can be provided by a single device, by two or more similar devices, and/or by two or more dissimilar devices. In some embodiments, the signal detection system 114 is worn by the user 102.

The signal detection system 114 may be owned and/or operated by or for the user 102. The signal detection system 114 may be owned and/or operated by an advertiser, an advertising agency, a service provider such as a wireless carrier or television provider, an airline, a railway company, a subway operator, a taxi company, a manufacturer, a retailer, an e-tailer, an individual, a company, or any other entity that desires to provide a mechanism by which the signal 106 can be detected and transmitted to the user device 110 so that the user device 110 can generate the disruption signal 112 to disrupt the signal 106.

In some embodiments, the signal detection system 114 is provided as part of a signal disruption service that is implemented in response to the user 102 opting out of receiving information from the signal source 108. In this manner, the signal source 108 can transmit the signal 106 to the surface 104, which may be in contact with multiple users in addition to the user 102, and those individuals that have elected to opt-out will have the signal 106 disrupted via the signal detection system 114 detecting the signal 106, transmitting the relayed signal 116 to the user device 110, which then generates the disruption signal 112 to disrupt the signal 106 that is propagating through the surface 104.

The user device 110 can include any computing system or device that is capable of receiving the relayed signal 116, generating the disruption signal 112, and transmitting the disruption signal 112 to the user's 102 body so that the signal 106 propagating through the surface 104 can be disrupted. The user device 110 may be a smartphone, feature phone, PDA, tablet device, laptop computer, desktop computer, server computer, video game system, handheld video game system, media player, set-top box, vehicle computing system, smart watch, personal tracker or safety device, other computing system, other computing device, a combination thereof, or the like. It should be understood that the functionality of the user device 110 can be provided by a single device, by two or more similar devices, and/or by two or more dissimilar devices. In some embodiments, the user device 110 includes the signal detection system 114. In these embodiments, the signal detection system 114 can be implemented as a software module that is capable of being executed by one or more processors of the user device 110 to perform the operations of the signal detection system 114 described herein.

The user device 110 can receive the relayed signal 116 from the signal detection system 114 and generate the disruption signal 112. The disruption signal 112 may include fre-

quency, amplitude, and/or phase characteristics that at least partially cancel the relayed signal 116. The disruption signal 112 may be generated by changing the frequency, amplitude, and/or phase characteristics of the relayed signal 116. For instances in which the relayed signal 116 is audible to the user 102, the user device 110 may generate the disruption signal 112 by shifting the frequency of the relayed signal 116 to an inaudible range rather than at least partially cancelling out the relayed signal 116.

FIG. 1 illustrates one user 102, one surface 104, one signal 106, one signal source 108, one user device 110, one disruption signal 112, one signal detection system 114, and one relayed signal 116. It should be understood, however, that various implementations of the operating environment 100 include multiple users 102, multiple surfaces 104, multiple signals 106, multiple signal sources 108, multiple user devices 110, multiple disruption signals 112, multiple signal detection systems 114, and/or multiple relayed signals 116. As such, the illustrated embodiment should be understood as being illustrative, and should not be construed as being limiting in any way.

Turning now to FIG. 2, aspects of a method 200 for disrupting a bone conduction signal will be described in detail, according to an illustrative embodiment. It should be understood that the operations of the methods are not necessarily presented in any particular order and that performance of some or all of the operations in an alternative order(s) is possible and is contemplated. The operations have been presented in the demonstrated order for ease of description and illustration. Operations may be added, omitted, and/or performed simultaneously, without departing from the scope of the concepts and technologies disclosed herein.

It also should be understood that the methods disclosed herein can be ended at any time and need not be performed in their respective entirety. Some or all operations of the methods, and/or substantially equivalent operations, can be performed by execution of computer-readable instructions included on a computer storage media, as defined herein. The term “computer-readable instructions,” and variants thereof, as used herein, is used expansively to include routines, applications, application modules, program modules, programs, components, data structures, algorithms, and the like. Computer-readable instructions can be implemented on various system configurations including the signal source 108, the user device 110, the signal detection system 114, single-processor or multiprocessor systems, minicomputers, mainframe computers, personal computers, hand-held computing devices, microprocessor-based, programmable consumer electronics, other devices and systems disclosed herein, combinations thereof, and the like.

Thus, it should be appreciated that the logical operations described herein are implemented (1) as a sequence of computer implemented acts or program modules running on a computing system and/or (2) as interconnected machine logic circuits or circuit modules within the computing system. The implementation is a matter of choice dependent on the performance and other requirements of the computing system. Accordingly, the logical operations described herein are referred to variously as states, operations, structural devices, acts, or modules. These states, operations, structural devices, acts, and modules may be implemented in software, in firmware, in special purpose digital logic, and any combination thereof. As used herein, the phrase “cause a processor to perform operations” and variants thereof refers to causing a processor of a computing system or device, such as the signal source 108, the user device 110, the signal detection system 114, another device disclosed herein, or another system dis-

closed herein, to perform one or more operations and/or causing the processor to direct other components of the computing system or device to perform one or more of the operations.

For purposes of illustrating and describing some of the concepts of the present disclosure, the methods disclosed herein are described as being performed, at least in part, by the signal source 108, the signal detection system 114, and the user device 110, where indicated, via execution of one or more software modules and/or software applications. It should be understood that additional and/or alternative devices and/or network nodes can provide the functionality described herein via execution of one or more modules, applications, and/or other software. Thus, the illustrated embodiments are illustrative, and should not be viewed as being limiting in any way.

The method 200 will be described with reference to FIG. 2 and further reference to FIG. 1. The method 200 begins at operation 202, where the signal source 108 generates the signal 106 and transmits the signal 106 to the surface 104. From operation 202, the method 200 proceeds to operation 204, where the signal detection system 114 detects the signal 106 being transmitted to the surface 104 by the signal source 108. From operation 204, the method 200 proceeds to operation 206, where the signal detection system 114 relays the signal 106 to the user device 110 as the relayed signal 116.

From operation 206, the method 200 proceeds to operation 208, where the user device 110 receives the relayed signal 116 from the signal detection system 114. The user device 110, at operation 210, generates the disruption signal 112 to disrupt the signal 106 that is being transmitted to the surface 104 by the signal source 108. The user device 110 may generate the disruption signal 112 to include frequency, amplitude, and/or phase characteristics that at least partially cancel the relayed signal 116, which is the same signal as the signal 106 being transmitted by the signal source 108. The disruption signal 112 may be generated by changing the frequency, amplitude, and/or phase characteristics of the relayed signal 116. For instances in which the relayed signal 116 is audible to the user 102, the user device 110 may generate the disruption signal 112 by shifting the frequency of the relayed signal 116 to an inaudible range rather than at least partially cancelling out the relayed signal 116.

From operation 210, the method 200 proceeds to operation 212, where the user device 102 sends the disruption signal 112 through the user’s 102 body to the surface 104 so that the disruption signal 112 disrupts the signal 106 being transmitted to the surface 104 by the signal source 108. In this manner, the user 102 and/or the user device 110 is not disturbed by the signal 106.

From operation 212, the method 200 proceeds to operation 214. The method 200 ends at operation 214.

Turning now to FIG. 3, a block diagram illustrating aspects of another operating environment 300 will be described, according to an illustrative embodiment. The operating environment 300 shown in FIG. 3 includes the user 102 in contact with the surface 104 that receives the signal 106 from the signal source 108. When the user 102 is in contact with the surface 104, the signal 106 propagates through the surface 104 into the user’s 102 body. The signal 106 may be any signal as described herein above.

The signal source 108 in FIG. 3 in addition to generating the signal 106 generates the disruption signal 112. The signal source 108 transmits the disruption signal 112 to the user device 110. The signal source 108 may transmit the disruption signal 112 to the user device 110 simultaneously as the signal source 108 transmits the signal 106 to the surface 104. Alternatively, the signal source 108 may transmit the disruption

signal 112 to the user device 110 before or after the signal source 108 transmits the signal 106 to the surface 104. The time at which the signal source transmits the disruption signal 112 may be configured by the owner and/or operator of the signal source 108 or selected by the user 102.

The user device 110 receives the disruption signal from the signal source 108 and transmits the disruption signal 112 to the user's 102 body. The disruption signal 112 propagates through the user's 102 body to the surface 104 with which the user 102 is in contact. The disruption signal 112 disrupts the signal 106 that is propagating through the surface 104.

In some embodiments, the user 102 can provide input to the user device 110 to instruct the user device 110 whether or not to disrupt a given signal. In some embodiments, the user 102 provides such input as one or more settings so that the disruption of one or more signals is carried out automatically for the user 102 without further user input. In some other embodiments, the user device 110 notifies the user 102 of the receipt of the disruption signal 112 and prompts the user 102 to instruct the user device 110 on how to proceed—that is, whether or not to use the disruption signal 112 to cancel or otherwise disrupt the signal 106 being transmitted by the signal source 108. The user 102 may instruct the user device 110 to utilize the disruption signal 112 to disrupt the signal 106 before, during, or after the user 102 is disturbed by the signal 106. For the latter scenario, the user device 110 may store the user's 102 preference for disrupting the signal 106 from the signal source 108 such that the signal 106 and/or other signals transmitted by the signal source 108 are disrupted in the future. The user device 110 may build the user's 102 preferences with respect to multiple signals and/or signal sources over time so that the user 102 no longer needs to provide any input or needs to provide less input to the user device 110 with regard to signal disruption.

Turning now to FIG. 4, aspects of a method 400 for disrupting a bone conduction signal will be described in detail, according to an illustrative embodiment. The method 400 will be described with reference to FIG. 4 and further reference to FIG. 3. The method 400 begins at operation 402, where the signal source 108 generates the signal 106 and transmits the signal 106 to the surface 104. From operation 402, the method 400 proceeds to operation 404, where the signal source 108 generates and sends the disruption signal 112 to the user device 110. It should be understood that operations 402 and 404 may be performed as illustrated, simultaneously, or in reverse order.

From operation 404, the method 400 proceeds to operation 406, where the user device 110 receives the disruption signal 112 from the signal source 108 and sends the disruption signal 112 through the user's 102 body to the surface 104 so that the disruption signal 112 disrupts the signal 106 being transmitted to the surface 104 by the signal source 108. In this manner, the user 102 and/or the user device 110 is not disturbed by the signal 106.

From operation 406, the method 400 proceeds to operation 408. The method 400 ends at operation 408.

Turning now to FIG. 5, a block diagram illustrating aspects of another operating environment 500 will be described, according to an illustrative embodiment. The operating environment 500 shown in FIG. 5 includes the user 102 in contact with the surface 104 that receives the signal 106 from the signal source 108. When the user 102 is in contact with the surface 104, the signal 106 propagates through the surface 104 into the user's 102 body. The signal 106 may be any signal as described herein above.

The user device 110, in FIG. 5, can operate in communication with and/or as part of a communications network (“net-

work”) 502. The network 502 is illustrated and described in greater detail herein below with reference to FIG. 11.

The user device 110 can communicate with a content reference server 504 via the network 502. The content reference server 504 includes or is in communication with a content database 506. The content database 506 can store one or more signals associated with content that is audible to the user 102. For example, the content may include one or more audio advertisements that are being transmitted by or expected to be transmitted by the signal source 108. The signal(s) contained in the content database 506 may be used as a reference for identifying undesirable signals being transmitted by or expected to be transmitted by the signal source 108 and/or other signal sources (not shown). The content database 506 may be owned and/or operated by the same entity as the signal source 108. Alternatively, the content database 506 may be associated with the user 102 or a plurality of users (not shown).

In some embodiments, the user 102 provides input to the user device 110 to instruct the user device 110 to record one or more signals being transmitted from one or more signal sources 108 and to save the signal(s) in the content database 506 for future reference for identifying undesirable signals. In some other embodiments, the user device 110 notifies the user 102 when a signal is received, and prompts the user 102 to provide input regarding whether or not to save the signal in the content database 506. The content database 506 may be populated in other ways not particularly described herein. As such, the example population methods described above are merely illustrative, and should not be construed as being limiting in any way.

In the illustrated example, the user device 110 receives a partial signal 508 from the user's 102 body or the signal source 108. The partial signal 508 includes a portion of the signal 106 that has propagated through the surface 104 and through the user's 102 body. A partial signal 508' includes a portion of the signal 106 as captured by the user device 110 without having propagated through the surface 104 or the user's 102 body. Using either the partial signal 508 or the partial signal 508', the user device 110 generates a full signal request 510 directed to the content reference server 504. The full signal request 510 includes the partial signal 508 or the partial signal 508' along with instructions to provide the matching full signal, if available. By way of example, the partial signal 508 includes a snippet of the first three seconds of an advertisement, and the full signal request 510 may include the snippet along with instructions for the content reference server 504 to provide the full advertisement that includes the snippet to the user device 110.

The content reference server 504 receives the full signal request from the user device 110 and queries the content database 506 for a matching full signal. If no matching full signal is found, the content reference server 504 may generate a full signal response 512 that includes an indication that no full signal was found. In such instances, the user device 110 may receive the full signal response 512 and prompt the user 102 to respond regarding whether or not he or she desires to save the signal 106 when the signal 106 is received by the user device 110. In this manner, the user device 110 can update the content database 506 with the signal 106 for future signal disruption attempts. If a matching full signal is found, the content reference server 504 may generate a full signal response 512 that includes the full signal.

Assuming a full signal is included in the full signal response 512, the user device 110 extracts the full signal from the full signal response 512 and generates the disruption signal 112. The user device 110 may generate the disruption

signal **112** to include frequency, amplitude, and/or phase characteristics that at least partially cancel the full signal that was extracted from the full signal response **512**. The disruption signal **112** may be generated by changing the frequency, amplitude, and/or phase characteristics of the full signal. For instances in which the full signal is audible to the user **102**, such as an advertisement, the user device **110** may generate the disruption signal **112** by shifting the frequency of the full signal to an inaudible range rather than at least partially cancelling out the full signal.

The user device **110** transmits the disruption signal **112** to the user's **102** body. The disruption signal **112** propagates through the user's **102** body to the surface **104** with which the user **102** is in contact. The disruption signal **112** disrupts the signal **106** that is propagating through the surface **104**.

The content database **506** is illustrated as being external to the user device **110** and accessible by the user device **110** by way of the network **502**. In some embodiments, however, the content database **506** is stored locally on the user device **110**.

Turning now to FIG. **6**, aspects of a method **600** for disrupting a bone conduction signal will be described in detail, according to an illustrative embodiment. The method **600** will be described with reference to FIG. **6** and further reference to FIG. **5**. The method **600** begins at operation **602**, where the signal source **108** generates the signal **106** and transmits the signal **106** to the surface **104**. From operation **602**, the method **600** proceeds to operation **604**, where the user device **110** receives the partial signal **508** or the partial signal **508'**. From operation **604**, the method **600** proceeds to operation **606**, where the user device **110** generates the full signal request **510** and sends the full signal request **510** to the content reference server **504**. The full signal request **510** includes the partial signal **508** or the partial signal **508'** that was received by the user device **110**.

From operation **606**, the method **600** proceeds to operation **608**, where the user device **110** receives a full signal that matches the partial signal **508** or the partial signal **508'** that was included in the full signal request **510**. If no matching full signal is found, the content reference server **504** may generate a full signal response **512** that includes an indication that no full signal was found. In such instances, the user device **110** may receive the full signal response **512** and prompt the user **102** to respond regarding whether or not he or she desires to save the signal **106** when the signal **106** is received by the user device **110**. In this manner, the user device **110** can update the content database **506** with the signal **506** for future signal disruption attempts.

From operation **608**, the method **600** proceeds to operation **610**, where the user device **110** generates the disruption signal **112** using the full signal received from the content reference server **504**. The user device **110** may generate the disruption signal **112** to include frequency, amplitude, and/or phase characteristics that at least partially cancel the full signal that was extracted from the full signal response **512**. The disruption signal **112** may be generated by changing the frequency, amplitude, and/or phase characteristics of the full signal. For instances in which the full signal is audible to the user **102**, such as an advertisement, the user device **110** may generate the disruption signal **112** by shifting the frequency of the full signal to an inaudible range rather than at least partially cancelling out the full signal.

From operation **610**, the method **600** proceeds to operation **612**, where the user device **110** sends the disruption signal **112** through the user's **102** body to the surface **104** so that the disruption signal **112** disrupts the signal **106** being transmit-

ted to the surface **104** by the signal source **108**. In this manner, the user **102** and/or the user device **110** is not disturbed by the signal **106**.

From operation **612**, the method **600** proceeds to operation **614**. The method **600** ends at operation **614**.

Turning now to FIG. **7**, a block diagram illustrating aspects of another operating environment **700** will be described, according to an illustrative embodiment. The operating environment **700** shown in FIG. **7** includes the user **102** who receives the signal **106** from the signal source **108**. The signal **106** then propagates through the surface **104** to the user's **102** body. The signal **106** may be any signal as described herein above.

The user **102** may desire to disrupt the signal **106**. The user **102** may provide input to the user device **110** to disrupt the signal **106** while the signal source **108** is transmitting the signal **106** to the user's **102** body. In response the user device **110** can generate the disruption signal **112** and send the disruption signal to the user's **102** body to disrupt the signal **106**. The disruption signal **112** in this case can be audible and/or inaudible noise. For example, the disruption signal **112** may introduce white, pink, brown, or other noise to mask audible sounds carried in the signal **106**. Alternatively, the user device **110** may be configured with a signal disruption feature that can be enabled and disabled by the user **102** to allow or prevent at least a portion of the signals being transmitted from one or more sources.

Turning now to FIG. **8**, aspects of another method **800** for disrupting a bone conduction signal will be described in detail, according to an illustrative embodiment. The method **800** will be described with reference to FIG. **8** and further reference to FIG. **7**. The method **800** begins at operation **802**, where the user device **110** generates the disruption signal to disrupt one or more signals, such as the signal **106**. From operation **802**, the method **800** proceeds to operation **804**, where the user device **110** sends the disruption signal **112** to the user's **102** body so that one or more signals transmitted into the user's **102** body are disrupted. From operation **804**, the method **800** proceeds to operation **806**. The method **800** ends at operation **806**.

Turning now to FIG. **9**, an illustrative mobile device **900** and components thereof will be described. In some embodiments, the user device **110** described above can be configured as and/or can have an architecture similar or identical to the mobile device **900** described herein in FIG. **9**. It should be understood, however, that the user device **110** may or may not include the functionality described herein with reference to FIG. **9**. While connections are not shown between the various components illustrated in FIG. **9**, it should be understood that some, none, or all of the components illustrated in FIG. **9** can be configured to interact with one other to carry out various device functions. In some embodiments, the components are arranged so as to communicate via one or more busses (not shown). Thus, it should be understood that FIG. **9** and the following description are intended to provide a general understanding of a suitable environment in which various aspects of embodiments can be implemented, and should not be construed as being limiting in any way.

As illustrated in FIG. **9**, the mobile device **900** can include a display **902** for displaying data. According to various embodiments, the display **902** can be configured to display various graphical user interface ("GUT") elements, text, images, video, advertisements, various prompts, virtual keypads and/or keyboards, messaging data, notification messages, metadata, internet content, device status, time, date, calendar data, device preferences, map and location data, combinations thereof, and the like. The mobile device **900**

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also can include a processor **904** and a memory or other data storage device (“memory”) **906**. The processor **904** can be configured to process data and/or can execute computer-executable instructions stored in the memory **906**. The computer-executable instructions executed by the processor **904** can include, for example, an operating system **908**, one or more applications **910**, other computer-executable instructions stored in a memory **908**, or the like. In some embodiments, the applications **910** also can include a UI application (not illustrated in FIG. 9).

The UI application can interface with the operating system **908** to facilitate user interaction with functionality and/or data stored at the mobile device **900** and/or stored elsewhere. In some embodiments, the operating system **908** can include a member of the SYMBIAN OS family of operating systems from SYMBIAN LIMITED, a member of the WINDOWS MOBILE OS and/or WINDOWS PHONE OS families of operating systems from MICROSOFT CORPORATION, a member of the PALM WEBOS family of operating systems from HEWLETT PACKARD CORPORATION, a member of the BLACKBERRY OS family of operating systems from RESEARCH IN MOTION LIMITED, a member of the IOS family of operating systems from APPLE INC., a member of the ANDROID OS family of operating systems from GOOGLE INC., and/or other operating systems. These operating systems are merely illustrative of some contemplated operating systems that may be used in accordance with various embodiments of the concepts and technologies described herein and therefore should not be construed as being limiting in any way.

The UI application can be executed by the processor **904** to aid a user in entering content, viewing account information, answering/initiating calls, entering/deleting data, entering and setting user IDs and passwords for device access, configuring settings, manipulating address book content and/or settings, multimode interaction, interacting with other applications **910**, and otherwise facilitating user interaction with the operating system **908**, the applications **910**, and/or other types or instances of data **912** that can be stored at the mobile device **900**. The data **912** can include user preferences, user settings, the content database **506**, and/or other data. The applications **910** can include, for example, presence applications, visual voice mail applications, messaging applications, text-to-speech and speech-to-text applications, add-ons, plug-ins, email applications, music applications, video applications, camera applications, location-based service applications, power conservation applications, game applications, productivity applications, entertainment applications, enterprise applications, combinations thereof, and the like. The applications **910**, the data **912**, and/or portions thereof can be stored in the memory **906** and/or in a firmware **914**, and can be executed by the processor **904**. The firmware **914** also can store code for execution during device power up and power down operations. It can be appreciated that the firmware **914** can be stored in a volatile or non-volatile data storage device including, but not limited to, the memory **906** and/or a portion thereof.

The mobile device **900** also can include an input/output (“I/O”) interface **916**. The I/O interface **916** can be configured to support the input/output of data such as location information, user information, organization information, presence status information, user IDs, passwords, and application initiation (start-up) requests. In some embodiments, the I/O interface **916** can include a hardware connection such as USB port, a mini-USB port, a micro-USB port, an audio jack, a PS2 port, an IEEE 1394 (“FIREWIRE”) port, a serial port, a parallel port, an Ethernet (RJ411) port, an RJ11 port, a pro-

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prietary port, combinations thereof, or the like. In some embodiments, the mobile device **900** can be configured to synchronize with another device to transfer content to and/or from the mobile device **900**. In some embodiments, the mobile device **900** can be configured to receive updates to one or more of the applications **910** via the I/O interface **916**, though this is not necessarily the case. In some embodiments, the I/O interface **916** accepts I/O devices such as keyboards, keypads, mice, interface tethers, printers, plotters, external storage, touch/multi-touch screens, touch pads, trackballs, joysticks, microphones, remote control devices, displays, projectors, medical equipment (e.g., stethoscopes, heart monitors, and other health metric monitors), modems, routers, external power sources, docking stations, combinations thereof, and the like. It should be appreciated that the I/O interface **916** may be used for communications between the mobile device **900** and a network device or local device.

The mobile device **900** also can include a communications component **918**. The communications component **918** can be configured to interface with the processor **904** to facilitate wired and/or wireless communications with one or more networks such as the network **122** described above herein. In some embodiments, other networks include networks that utilize non-cellular wireless technologies such as WI-FI or WIMAX. In some embodiments, the communications component **918** includes a multimode communications subsystem for facilitating communications via the cellular network and one or more other networks.

The communications component **918**, in some embodiments, includes one or more transceivers. The one or more transceivers, if included, can be configured to communicate over the same and/or different wireless technology standards with respect to one another. For example, in some embodiments one or more of the transceivers of the communications component **918** may be configured to communicate using Global System for Mobile communication (“GSM”), Code Division Multiple Access (“CDMA”), CDMAONE, CDMA2000, Long-Term Evolution (“LTE”), and various other 2G, 2.5G, 3G, 4G, and greater generation technology standards. Moreover, the communications component **918** may facilitate communications over various channel access methods (which may or may not be used by the aforementioned standards) including, but not limited to, Time Division Multiple Access (“TDMA”), Frequency Division Multiple Access (“FDMA”), Wideband CDMA (“W-CDMA”), Orthogonal Frequency-Division multiplexing (“OFDM”), Space-Division Multiple Access (“SDMA”), and the like.

In addition, the communications component **918** may facilitate data communications using Generic Packet Radio Service (“GPRS”), Enhanced Data Rates for GSM Evolution (“EDGE”), the High-Speed Packet Access (“HSPA”) protocol family, including High-Speed Downlink Packet Access (“HSDPA”), Enhanced Uplink (“EUL”) or otherwise termed High-Speed Uplink Packet Access (“HSUPA”), HSPA+, and various other current and future wireless data access standards. In the illustrated embodiment, the communications component **918** can include a first transceiver (“TxRx”) **920A** that can operate in a first communications mode (e.g., GSM). The communications component **918** also can include an Nth transceiver (“TxRx”) **920N** that can operate in a second communications mode relative to the first transceiver **920A** (e.g., UMTS). While two transceivers **920A-N** (hereinafter collectively and/or generically referred to as “transceivers **920**”) are shown in FIG. 9, it should be appreciated that less than two, two, and/or more than two transceivers **920** can be included in the communications component **918**.

The communications component **918** also can include an alternative transceiver (“Alt TxRx”) **922** for supporting other types and/or standards of communications. According to various contemplated embodiments, the alternative transceiver **922** can communicate using various communications technologies such as, for example, WI-FI, WIMAX, BLUETOOTH, infrared, IRDA, NFC, other RF technologies, combinations thereof, and the like.

In some embodiments, the communications component **918** also can facilitate reception from terrestrial radio networks, digital satellite radio networks, internet-based radio service networks, combinations thereof, and the like. The communications component **918** can process data from a network such as the Internet, an intranet, a broadband network, a WI-FI hotspot, an Internet service provider (“ISP”), a digital subscriber line (“DSL”) provider, a broadband provider, combinations thereof, or the like.

The mobile device **900** also can include one or more sensors **924**. The sensors **924** can include temperature sensors, light sensors, air quality sensors, movement sensors, orientation sensors, noise sensors, proximity sensors, or the like. As such, it should be understood that the sensors **924** can include, but are not limited to, accelerometers, magnetometers, gyroscopes, infrared sensors, noise sensors, microphones, combinations thereof, or the like. Additionally, audio capabilities for the mobile device **900** may be provided by an audio I/O component **926**. The audio I/O component **926** of the mobile device **900** can include one or more speakers for the output of audio signals, one or more microphones for the collection and/or input of audio signals, and/or other audio input and/or output devices.

The illustrated mobile device **900** also can include a subscriber identity module (“SIM”) system **928**. The SIM system **928** can include a universal SIM (“USIM”), a universal integrated circuit card (“UICC”) and/or other identity devices. The SIM system **928** can include and/or can be connected to or inserted into an interface such as a slot interface **930**. In some embodiments, the slot interface **930** can be configured to accept insertion of other identity cards or modules for accessing various types of networks. Additionally, or alternatively, the slot interface **930** can be configured to accept multiple subscriber identity cards. Because other devices and/or modules for identifying users and/or the mobile device **900** are contemplated, it should be understood that these embodiments are illustrative, and should not be construed as being limiting in any way.

The mobile device **900** also can include an image capture and processing system **932** (“image system”). The image system **932** can be configured to capture or otherwise obtain photos, videos, and/or other visual information. As such, the image system **932** can include cameras, lenses, charge-coupled devices (“CCDs”), combinations thereof, or the like. The mobile device **900** may also include a video system **934**. The video system **934** can be configured to capture, process, record, modify, and/or store video content. Photos and videos obtained using the image system **932** and the video system **934**, respectively, may be added as message content to an MMS message, email message, and sent to another mobile device. The video and/or photo content also can be shared with other devices via various types of data transfers via wired and/or wireless communication devices as described herein.

The mobile device **900** also can include one or more location components **936**. The location components **936** can be configured to send and/or receive signals to determine a geographic location of the mobile device **900**. According to various embodiments, the location components **936** can send and/or receive signals from global positioning system

(“GPS”) devices, assisted-GPS (“A-GPS”) devices, WI-FI/WIMAX and/or cellular network triangulation data, combinations thereof, and the like. The location component **936** also can be configured to communicate with the communications component **918** to retrieve triangulation data for determining a location of the mobile device **900**. In some embodiments, the location component **936** can interface with cellular network nodes, telephone lines, satellites, location transmitters and/or beacons, wireless network transmitters and receivers, combinations thereof, and the like. In some embodiments, the location component **936** can include and/or can communicate with one or more of the sensors **924** such as a compass, an accelerometer, and/or a gyroscope to determine the orientation of the mobile device **900**. Using the location component **936**, the mobile device **900** can generate and/or receive data to identify its geographic location, or to transmit data used by other devices to determine the location of the mobile device **900**. The location component **936** may include multiple components for determining the location and/or orientation of the mobile device **900**.

The illustrated mobile device **900** also can include a power source **938**. The power source **938** can include one or more batteries, power supplies, power cells, and/or other power subsystems including alternating current (“AC”) and/or direct current (“DC”) power devices. The power source **938** also can interface with an external power system or charging equipment via a power I/O component **940**. Because the mobile device **900** can include additional and/or alternative components, the above embodiment should be understood as being illustrative of one possible operating environment for various embodiments of the concepts and technologies described herein. The described embodiment of the mobile device **900** is illustrative, and should not be construed as being limiting in any way.

FIG. **10** is a block diagram illustrating a computer system **1000** configured to provide the functionality in accordance with various embodiments of the concepts and technologies disclosed herein. In some implementations, the signal source **108**, the user device **110**, the signal detection system **114**, and/or the content reference server **504** are configured to utilize an architecture that is the same as or similar to the architecture of the computer system **1000**. It should be understood, however, that modification to the architecture may be made to facilitate certain interactions among elements described herein.

The computer system **1000** includes a processing unit **1002**, a memory **1004**, one or more user interface devices **1006**, one or more input/output (“I/O”) devices **1008**, and one or more network devices **1010**, each of which is operatively connected to a system bus **1012**. The bus **1012** enables bidirectional communication between the processing unit **1002**, the memory **1004**, the user interface devices **1006**, the I/O devices **1008**, and the network devices **1010**.

The processing unit **1002** may be a standard central processor that performs arithmetic and logical operations, a more specific purpose programmable logic controller (“PLC”), a programmable gate array, a system-on-a-chip, or other type of processor known to those skilled in the art and suitable for controlling the operation of the server computer. Processing units are generally known, and therefore are not described in further detail herein.

The memory **1004** communicates with the processing unit **1002** via the system bus **1012**. In some embodiments, the memory **1004** is operatively connected to a memory controller (not shown) that enables communication with the processing unit **1002** via the system bus **1012**. The memory **1004** includes an operating system **1014** and one or more program

modules **1016**. The operating system **1014** can include, but is not limited to, members of the WINDOWS, WINDOWS CE, and/or WINDOWS MOBILE families of operating systems from MICROSOFT CORPORATION, the LINUX family of operating systems, the SYMBIAN family of operating systems from SYMBIAN LIMITED, the BREW family of operating systems from QUALCOMM CORPORATION, the MAC OS, and/or iOS families of operating systems from APPLE CORPORATION, the FREEBSD family of operating systems, the SOLARIS family of operating systems from ORACLE CORPORATION, other operating systems, and the like.

The program modules **1016** may include various software and/or program modules to perform the various operations described herein. The program modules **1016** and/or other programs can be embodied in computer-readable media containing instructions that, when executed by the processing unit **1002**, perform one or more of the operations described herein. According to embodiments, the program modules **1016** may be embodied in hardware, software, firmware, or any combination thereof. Although not shown in FIG. **10**, it should be understood that the memory **1004** also can be configured to store the content database **506** and/or other data, if desired.

By way of example, and not limitation, computer-readable media may include any available computer storage media or communication media that can be accessed by the computer system **1000**. Communication media includes computer-readable instructions, data structures, program modules, or other data in a modulated data signal such as a carrier wave or other transport mechanism and includes any delivery media. The term “modulated data signal” means a signal that has one or more of its characteristics changed or set in a manner as to encode information in the signal. By way of example, and not limitation, communication media includes wired media such as a wired network or direct-wired connection, and wireless media such as acoustic, RF, infrared and other wireless media. Combinations of the any of the above should also be included within the scope of computer-readable media.

Computer storage media includes volatile and non-volatile, removable and non-removable media implemented in any method or technology for storage of information such as computer-readable instructions, data structures, program modules, or other data. Computer storage media includes, but is not limited to, RAM, ROM, Erasable Programmable ROM (“EPROM”), Electrically Erasable Programmable ROM (“EEPROM”), flash memory or other solid state memory technology, CD-ROM, digital versatile disks (“DVD”), or other optical storage, magnetic cassettes, magnetic tape, magnetic disk storage or other magnetic storage devices, or any other medium which can be used to store the desired information and which can be accessed by the computer system **1000**. In the claims, the phrase “computer storage medium” and variations thereof does not include waves or signals per se and/or communication media.

The user interface devices **1006** may include one or more devices with which a user accesses the computer system **1000**. The user interface devices **1006** may include, but are not limited to, computers, servers, personal digital assistants, cellular phones, or any suitable computing devices. The I/O devices **1008** enable a user to interface with the program modules **1016**. In one embodiment, the I/O devices **1008** are operatively connected to an I/O controller (not shown) that enables communication with the processing unit **1002** via the system bus **1012**. The I/O devices **1008** may include one or more input devices, such as, but not limited to, a keyboard, a mouse, or an electronic stylus. Further, the I/O devices **1008**

may include one or more output devices, such as, but not limited to, a display screen or a printer.

The network devices **1010** enable the computer system **1000** to communicate with other networks or remote systems via a network **1018**, such as the network **502**. Examples of the network devices **1010** include, but are not limited to, a modem, a radio frequency (“RF”) or infrared (“IR”) transceiver, a telephonic interface, a bridge, a router, or a network card. The network **1018** may include a wireless network such as, but not limited to, a Wireless Local Area Network (“WLAN”), a Wireless Wide Area Network (“WWAN”), a Wireless Personal Area Network (“WPAN”) such as provided via BLUETOOTH technology, a Wireless Metropolitan Area Network (“WMAN”) such as a WiMAX network or metropolitan cellular network. Alternatively, the network **1018** may be a wired network such as, but not limited to, a Wide Area Network (“WAN”), a wired LAN such as provided via Ethernet, a wired Personal Area Network (“PAN”), or a wired Metropolitan Area Network (“MAN”).

Turning now to FIG. **11**, additional details of the network **502** are illustrated, according to an illustrative embodiment. The network **502** includes a cellular network **1102**, a packet data network **1104**, for example, the Internet, and a circuit switched network **1106**, for example, a publicly switched telephone network (“PSTN”). The cellular network **1102** includes various components such as, but not limited to, base transceiver stations (“BTSs”), Node-B’s or e-Node-B’s, base station controllers (“BSCs”), radio network controllers (“RNCs”), mobile switching centers (“MSCs”), mobile management entities (“MMEs”), short message service centers (“SMSCs”), multimedia messaging service centers (“MMSCs”), home location registers (“HLRs”), home subscriber servers (“HSSs”), visitor location registers (“VLRs”), charging platforms, billing platforms, voicemail platforms, GPRS core network components, location service nodes, an IP Multimedia Subsystem (“IMS”), and the like. The cellular network **1102** also includes radios and nodes for receiving and transmitting voice, data, and combinations thereof to and from radio transceivers, networks, the packet data network **1104**, and the circuit switched network **1106**.

A mobile communications device **1108**, such as, for example, a cellular telephone, a user equipment, a mobile terminal, a PDA, a laptop computer, a handheld computer, the user device **110**, and combinations thereof, can be operatively connected to the cellular network **1102**. The cellular network **1102** can be configured as a 2G GSM network and can provide data communications via GPRS and/or EDGE. Additionally, or alternatively, the cellular network **1102** can be configured as a 3G UMTS network and can provide data communications via the HSPA protocol family, for example, HSDPA, EUL (also referred to as HSUPA), and HSPA+. The cellular network **1102** also is compatible with 4G mobile communications standards such as LTE, or the like, as well as evolved and future mobile standards.

The packet data network **1104** includes various devices, for example, servers, computers, databases, and other devices in communication with another, as is generally known. The packet data network **1104** devices are accessible via one or more network links. The servers often store various files that are provided to a requesting device such as, for example, a computer, a terminal, a smartphone, or the like. Typically, the requesting device includes software (a “browser”) for executing a web page in a format readable by the browser or other software. Other files and/or data may be accessible via “links” in the retrieved files, as is generally known. In some embodiments, the packet data network **1104** includes or is in communication with the Internet. The circuit switched network

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1106 includes various hardware and software for providing circuit switched communications. The circuit switched network **1106** may include, or may be, what is often referred to as a plain old telephone system (“POTS”). The functionality of a circuit switched network **1106** or other circuit-switched network are generally known and will not be described herein in detail.

The illustrated cellular network **1102** is shown in communication with the packet data network **1104** and a circuit switched network **1106**, though it should be appreciated that this is not necessarily the case. One or more Internet-capable devices **1110**, for example, the user device **110**, a PC, a laptop, a portable device, or another suitable device, can communicate with one or more cellular networks **1102**, and devices connected thereto, through the packet data network **1104**. It also should be appreciated that the Internet-capable device **1110** can communicate with the packet data network **1104** through the circuit switched network **1106**, the cellular network **1102**, and/or via other networks (not illustrated).

As illustrated, a communications device **1112**, for example, a telephone, facsimile machine, modem, computer, the user device **110**, or the like, can be in communication with the circuit switched network **1106**, and therethrough to the packet data network **1104** and/or the cellular network **1102**. It should be appreciated that the communications device **1112** can be an Internet-capable device, and can be substantially similar to the Internet-capable device **1110**. In the specification, the network **502** is used to refer broadly to any combination of the networks **1102**, **1104**, **1106**. It should be appreciated that substantially all of the functionality described with reference to the network **502** can be performed by the cellular network **1102**, the packet data network **1104**, and/or the circuit switched network **1106**, alone or in combination with other networks, network elements, and the like.

Based on the foregoing, it should be appreciated that concepts and technologies directed to disrupting bone conduction signals have been disclosed herein. Although the subject matter presented herein has been described in language specific to computer structural features, methodological and transformative acts, specific computing machinery, and computer-readable media, it is to be understood that the concepts and technologies disclosed herein are not necessarily limited to the specific features, acts, or media described herein. Rather, the specific features, acts and mediums are disclosed as example forms of implementing the concepts and technologies disclosed herein.

The subject matter described above is provided by way of illustration only and should not be construed as limiting. Various modifications and changes may be made to the subject matter described herein without following the example embodiments and applications illustrated and described, and without departing from the true spirit and scope of the embodiments of the concepts and technologies disclosed herein.

We claim:

1. A method comprising:

receiving, at a device, a first instance of a signal via a communication path external to a body of a user, the user associated with the device;

generating, by the device, a disruption signal to disrupt the signal; and

sending, by the device, the disruption signal through the body of the user to disrupt a second instance of the signal.

2. The method of claim **1**, wherein sending, by the device, the disruption signal through the body of the user to disrupt the second instance of the signal comprises sending, by the

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device, the disruption signal through the body of the user to a surface over which the second instance of the signal is propagating, wherein the user is in contact with the surface.

3. The method of claim **1**, wherein receiving, at the device, the first instance of the signal via the communication path external to the body of the user associated with the device comprises receiving, at the device, the first instance of the signal from a signal detection system via the communication path external to the body of the user associated with the device.

4. The method of claim **1**, wherein receiving, at the device, the first instance of the signal via the communication path external to the body of the user associated with the device comprises receiving, at the device, the first instance of the signal from a database.

5. The method of claim **4**, further comprising:

receiving, at the device, a partial signal, the partial signal comprising a portion of the signal;

generating, by the device, a request directed to the database, the request comprising the partial signal; and

sending, by the device, the request to the database, wherein receiving the first instance of the signal via the communication path external to the body of the user comprises receiving, by the device, a response from the database, the response comprising the first instance of the signal.

6. The method of claim **5**, wherein the signal comprises an audible advertisement.

7. The method of claim **1**, wherein generating, by the device, the disruption signal comprises shifting a frequency of the signal to an inaudible range.

8. The method of claim **1**, wherein generating, by the device, the disruption signal comprises generating the disruption signal with signal characteristics to cancel a portion of the signal.

9. A device comprising:

a processor; and

a memory that stores instructions that, when executed by the processor, cause the processor to perform operations comprising

receiving a first instance of a signal via a communication path external to a body of a user associated with the device,

generating a disruption signal to disrupt the signal, and sending the disruption signal through the body of the user to disrupt a second instance of the signal.

10. The device of claim **9**, wherein sending the disruption signal through the body of the user to disrupt the second instance of the signal comprises sending the disruption signal through the body of the user to a surface over which the second instance of the signal is propagating and with which the user is in contact.

11. The device of claim **9**, wherein receiving the first instance of the signal via the communication path external to the body of the user associated with the device comprises receiving the first instance of the signal from a signal detection system via the communication path external to the body of the user associated with the device.

12. The device of claim **9**, wherein receiving the first instance of the signal via the communication path external to the body of the user associated with the device comprises receiving the first instance of the signal from a database.

13. The device of claim **12**, wherein the operations further comprise:

receiving a partial signal, the partial signal comprising a portion of the signal;

generating a request directed to the database, the request comprising the partial signal; and

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sending the request to the database, wherein receiving the first instance of the signal via the communication path external to the body of the user comprises receiving a response from the database, the response comprising the first instance of the signal.

14. The device of claim 13, wherein the signal comprises an audible advertisement.

15. The device of claim 14, wherein generating the disruption signal comprises shifting a frequency of the signal to an inaudible range.

16. The device of claim 9, wherein generating the disruption signal comprises generating the disruption signal with signal characteristics to cancel a portion of the signal.

17. A computer storage medium having instructions stored thereon that, when executed by a processor of a device, cause the processor to perform operations comprising:

receiving a first instance of a signal via a communication path external to a body of a user associated with the device;

generating a disruption signal to disrupt the signal; and sending the disruption signal through the body of the user to disrupt a second instance of the signal.

18. The computer storage medium of claim 17, wherein: receiving the first instance of the signal via the communication path external to the body of the user associated

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with the device comprises receiving the first instance of the signal from a signal detection system via the communication path external to the body of the user associated with the device; and

5 sending the disruption signal through the body of the user to disrupt the second instance of the signal comprises sending the disruption signal through the body of the user to a surface over which the second instance of the signal is propagating and with which the user is in contact.

10 19. The computer storage medium of claim 18, wherein the signal comprises an advertisement.

20 20. The computer storage medium of claim 17, wherein the operations further comprise:

receiving a partial signal, the partial signal comprising a portion of the signal;

generating a request directed to a database, the request comprising the partial signal; and

20 sending the request to the database, wherein receiving the first instance of the signal via the communication path external to the body of the user comprises receiving a response from the database, the response comprising the first instance of the signal.

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